(b) whether the State Government recommended any pilol project scheme to the Union Government; and if so, its details with estimates of expenditure;

(c) how many leprosy treatment centres and subsidy centres are in the State; and

(d) how many recognised institutions in the State are working for the control of leprosy and amount of subsidy granted to them in the year 1953–54?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Rs. 8,22,659.

" (b) & (c) Yes, Sir. The Government of India have allotted to this Government under their Pilot Project Leprosy Control Scheme, a Treatment and Study Centre and two subsidiary centres. This Government have sanctioned the establishment of the Treatment and Study Centre at Tirukoilur (in South Arcot district) and the two subsidiary centres one at Vettavalam in North Arcot district and the other in Gandhigram area in Dindigul taluk of Madurai district. A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House regarding the detailed estimates of expenditure.

" (d) There are 11 Leprosy Sanatoria and 25 special Leprosy clinics in addition to the treatment and study centre at Tirukoilur and the two subsidiary centres at Vettavalam and Gandhigram to be opened shortly. The amount paid as capitation grant to private leprosy institution during 1953–54 was Rs. 3,11,974."

Encroachment on Government poramboke land in Veerapandi, Coimbatore taluk

* 1813 Q.—SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of acres of Government poramboke lands encroached on or unauthorisedly occupied by landlords in No. 24. Veerapandi, Coimbatore taluk, Coimbatore district;

(b) whether any representations were made to the Government to assign the same to Harijans; and

(c) if so, what action the Government propose to take in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (a) Four hundred and sixty-five acres.

" (b) & (c) There were a number of applications, from Harijans and others for assignment of the sites encroached in S. No. 1009/1-A of Veerapandi village. This field is an unsurveyed block measuring 5,271;47 acres, which includes

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 1218-1219 infra.

an extent of 4,000 acres of Reserved Forest. The applications for assignment were rejected by the Tahsildar on the ground that the field has not been surveyed. The question of survey of the unreserved bits of the field is now being examined by the Collector in consultation with the Forest department.''

Purchase of ink bottles

* 1814 *Q.*—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the concerns from which ink bottles are bought for use in Government Departments ; and

(*b*) the number of ink bottles bought in 1953 and the cost thereof.''

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—'' A statement [a] is placed on the table of the house.''

Fire outbreaks in Tindivanam taluk

* 1815 *Q.*—Sri M. VENUGOPALA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many cases of outbreaks of fire took place in Tindivanam taluk during 1953–54 ;

(*b*) whether any fire accident took place in Pathirapuliyur village, Tindivanam taluk, in 1953–54;

(*c*) if so, the extent of damage caused to property; and

(*d*) whether any relief was given to the victims of the fire accidents?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' (*a*) During 1953–54 six cases of outbreaks of fire took place in Tindivanam taluk

'' (*b*) No, Sir.

'' (*c*) & (*d*) Do not arise.''

Maternity and Child Health Centres, Malabar

* 1816 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Maternity and Child Health Centres there are in Malabar under the Malabar District Board; and

(*b*) the total grant given by the Government for these institutions.

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—'' (*a*) Fifteen, Sir.

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 1220 infra.